

Postgraduate Gerontological Nursing

PROGRAM ADMISSION PACKAGE



DEAR APPLICANT,

Greetings and thank you for your interest in the [Postgraduate Gerontological Nursing Program](#) at Selkirk College.

The geriatric population is the fastest growing health cohort around the world and currently 70 per cent of all patients in Canada are elderly.

Whether you work alongside individuals, families or communities, this program will give you the tools and skills to meet the complex physical, social, environmental, cognitive and spiritual needs of the elderly. After successful completion of the first year of the program you can apply to become a Health Care Assistant and start working in the Canadian health care system.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Enrolment Officer or visit the frequently asked questions page online.

Sincerely,



Jocelyn Schroeder, RN, BSN, MSN
School Chair, School of Health & Human Services

GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the Postgraduate Gerontological Nursing Program.

Please complete all of the necessary sections in this package. Please read the [program policies](#) concerning admission into the program.

Please submit this **completed package** by email to: **internationaladmissions@selkirk.ca**

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- IELTS 6.5 overall with no band less than 6.0, with Reading band score of 6.5 (maximum 24 months old)
- B.Sc. Nursing Degree/GNM Diploma
- B.Sc. Nursing transcript/GNM (General Nursing & Midwifery) = 60%
- 900 hours of consolidated practice while obtaining BSN
- 1 letter of reference from employer (this can serve as proof for nursing experience)
- Proof of registration with provincial/state/national nursing body
- Resumé
- Selkirk College Application form
- MSM Student Pre-Screening form

NON-ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Declaration Form - Self Declaration
- Ministry of Justice Criminal Record Check (completed once enrolled in program in Canada)
- Health Program Immunization Record

Recommended:

- Computer Skills

PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be able to demonstrate compliance with Public Health Officer's orders with respect to COVID-19 vaccine requirements
- Completed and up to date Selkirk College Immunization Health Record (English language)

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Official Transcripts from high school and all post-secondary institutions attended submitted directly to Selkirk College. Please review [how to submit transcripts](#) to Selkirk College.

IMMUNIZATION INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS TO HEALTH OFFICIAL

Please complete the attached immunization record and include a print-out of an official immunization record from the appropriate Health Authority. All sections must be filled out with dates and signatures in order for the form to be accepted. Ensure the applicant receives all necessary booster shots and testing.

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

Take this Immunization Record Form with you when obtaining your immunization to be completed by a health official and/or obtain a print-out from that same health official.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- This information pertains to applicants in the following programs: Nursing Unit Clerk, Pharmacy Technician, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Health Care Assistant, Practical Nursing and Postgraduate Diploma in Gerontological Nursing.
 - Tuberculin Test: 5 TU of PPD, read in 48-72 hours, unless individual is a positive reactor. Cost of the test is the student's responsibility.
 - Chest X-ray: if positive reaction.
- Most immunizations, with the exception of TB testing can be done for free at any Public Health Unit or community pharmacy, but you must make an appointment. You can also have them done at a Travel Clinic, but you will pay a consulting fee.
- Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus: Primary series, and reinforcing immunization for Diphtheria and Tetanus if more than 10 years have elapsed since previous immunization; one reinforcing dose for Pertussis is required in adulthood. (There may be a cost associated with this.)
- Poliomyelitis: Primary immunization is recommended for all health care workers (HCWs). Administer a single booster dose 10 years after primary series for HCWs, including laboratory workers, who may be exposed to feces.
- Rubeola (Measles): two doses of live, attenuated vaccine, if born after 1957 or serological test indicating immunity.
- Rubella: one dose live, attenuated vaccine, if born on or after January 1, 1957 or serological test indicating immunity.
- Mumps: one dose of vaccine if born between 1957 to 1969 (inclusive), or two doses if born on or after January 1, 1970.
- T.B. Testing: **Please complete your TB skin test no sooner than six months prior to your first clinical placement.** If you are unsure about your clinical dates, check with your program coordinator/instructor for clarification regarding when to complete the TB testing. It is important that your TB skin test results are no more than six months old before entering your clinical practice.
- Hepatitis B: Complete a two or three dose series (age dependent) and provide serology test results for HBsAg, anti-HBs and anti-HBc Total.
 - If anti-HBs < 10IU/L AND anti-HBs is detectable provide 1 dose of vaccine and retest 4 weeks later.
 - If level is ≥ 10 IU/L, consider as immune and no further doses are required.
 - If anti-HBs is undetectable provide a second series and retest 4 weeks later.
- Varicella (Chickenpox): Assess need for vaccination. This vaccine is only administered to those that have not had the disease. A self-reported history of varicella or physician diagnosed varicella is adequate only if the disease occurred before 2004. If the disease occurred after 2004, it must be confirmed by lab results.
- Meningococcal C: Recommended only for research, industrial, and clinical laboratory personnel who are routinely exposed to N. meningitidis. Contact your program coordinator if you are unsure.
- Influenza: administered annually in the fall.
- COVID-19: The Provincial Health Officer has mandated that health care workers in BC must be vaccinated against COVID-19. Primary vaccination series required only.

IMMUNIZATION INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT

1. Most immunizations are done free of charge by Health Units in BC or community pharmacies.
2. Arrangements for a chest X-ray, if required, can also be made through local health units or family physician.
- 3. Take the Immunization Record Form with you when obtaining your immunization to be completed by a health official.
Note: non-local students must take this form to your local public health unit or community pharmacy**
4. Students who have not met the immunization requirements **will not** be permitted to attend practice experiences.
5. Any costs involved in meeting the above requirements are the responsibility of the student.
6. Public Health Units do not keep records from many years ago. Bring any records of past immunizations you have with you to the Health Unit to assist the Public Health Nurse, Travel Nurse or Pharmacist to complete the Immunization Record.
7. The Immunization Record is not to be filled out by the Applicant.

HEALTH UNIT/TRAVEL CLINIC CONTACT INFORMATION

- The Castlegar Public Health Unit is located in the Castlegar Health Centre.
Phone: (250) 365-7711 between 0830-1630
- Nelson Public Health Unit, 2nd Floor 333 Victoria Street.
Phone: (250) 505-7200
- Trail Public Health – Kiro Wellness Centre, 2-1500 Columbia Ave
Phone: (250) 364-6219
- Or visit your local community pharmacy

Student Name: _____

Selkirk College Student ID: _____

Student Mailing Address: _____

IMMUNIZATION RECORD

TO BE COMPLETED BY HEALTH OFFICIAL

PRIMARY IMMUNIZATION

DPT	Primary Series: First Dose Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Primary Series: Second Dose Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Primary Series: Third Dose Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Most Recent Reinforcing Dose Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Initials
Diphtheria					
Pertussis			NOT REQUIRED		
Tetanus					
Poliomyelitis					
	First Dose Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	2nd Dose Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	3rd Dose Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Serology Test Result	Initials
Measles ⁱ				NOT REQUIRED	
Mumps ⁱⁱ				NOT REQUIRED	
Rubella ⁱⁱⁱ		NOT REQUIRED	NOT REQUIRED	NOT REQUIRED	
Hepatitis B ^{iv}					
*Meningococcal B			NOT REQUIRED	NOT REQUIRED	

**Only required for those routinely exposed to N.meningitidis and not provided for free.*

VARICELLA

Document history of disease occurring before 2004? Yes: Year _____ No

Varicella Antibody Test (If no history of disease before 2004) Date: _____ Result: _____ Initials: _____

Varicella Vaccine (If immunity not documented): _____ Date: _____ Initials: _____
 First Dose, Date: _____ Second Dose, Date: _____

KEEP THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT AND SEND A SCANNED COPY TO: hhsadmissions@selkirk.ca

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Selkirk College Student ID:

Student Mailing Address: _____

IMMUNIZATION RECORD

TO BE COMPLETED BY HEALTH OFFICIAL

INFLUENZA (ANNUALLY)

Date of Last Dose: _____ Initials: _____

COVID-19 PRIMARY SERIES

First Dose, Date: _____ Second Dose, Date: _____ Initials: _____

TUBERCULIN TEST

Please complete your TB skin test after acceptance to the program and during your first semester of studies. This will ensure your TB testing results are no more than 6 months old before entering the practice area.

Date: _____ Result: _____ Initials: _____

Chest X-Ray (if positive reactor):

I certify that the above information is accurate and up to date: _____
STUDENT SIGNATURE

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ⁱ If born after 1957 requires two doses of vaccine or serological test indicating immunity.

ⁱⁱ If born between 1957-1969 one dose of vaccine required. Two doses required if born after 1969.

ⁱⁱⁱ If born after 1957 one dose of live attenuated vaccine or serological test indicating immunity.

^{iv} Complete a 2 or 3 dose series and serology testing.

References:

1. BC Center for Disease Control, Immunization Manual, Part II: Immunization of Special Populations, Health Care Workers. "http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/communicable-disease-control-manual/immunization/immunization-of-special-populations" Part 2: Immunization of Special Populations (bccdc.ca)
2. BC Center for Disease Control, Immunization Manual, Part IV: Biological Products. "http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/communicable-disease-control-manual/immunization/biological-products" Part 4: Biological Products (Vaccines & Immune Globulins) (bccdc.ca)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY SELF-DECLARATION FORM

Student Name:

Student Number:

DECLARATION

All applicants are asked to review and confirm the information in this document as part of their admission to a recognized British Columbia Health Care Assistant Program. This form will be kept in the student file and may be supplied to the Registry upon request.

CHECK OFF WHAT APPLIES TO YOU

- I have been educated in an English-speaking environment (a country with English language systems / institutions*) for a minimum of seven years.
- I have been educated in an English-speaking environment (a country with English language systems / institutions*) for four consecutive years at the secondary or post-secondary level.
- I have been educated in an English-speaking environment (a country with English language systems / institutions*) for less than seven years.
- I have not been educated in an English speaking environment (a country with English language systems / institutions*)

*Countries with English language systems / institutions (where English is a primary, official language and the language used for education)

American Samoa	Canada**	Kenya	St. Vincent
Anguilla	Dominica	Malta	Trinidad and Tobago
Antigua	Falkland Islands	Mauritius	Turks and Caico Islands
Australia	Fiji	Montserrat	Uganda
Bahamas	Ghana	New Zealand	United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)
Barbados	Grenada	Seychelles	United States of America (USA)
Belize	Guam	Singapore	US Virgin Islands
Bermuda	Guyana	South Africa	
British Virgin Islands	Irish Republic	St. Kitts and Nevis	
Cayman Island	Jamaica	St. Lucia	

** Applicants educated in Quebec at an institution where the language of instruction was not English, must provide evidence of external English language proficiency testing.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY SELF-DECLARATION FORM

Student Name:

Student Number:

EDUCATION

Use the table below to enter your education as indicated above.

YEARS	SCHOOL	LOCATION
Example: 1980–1988	Example: ABC Elementary	Example: British Columbia, Canada

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If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact Jocelyn Schroeder, Chair of the School of Health and Human Services at jschroeder@selkirk.ca or call toll free at 1 (888) 953-1133, Ext.: 21289

I HAVE READ & UNDERSTAND THIS DECLARATION

I DO NOT AGREE / DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS DECLARATION

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED

OFFICE USE ONLY—EVIDENCE REQUIRED FROM APPLICANT

Transcript(s) to evidence stated years of education in a country with English language systems/institutions

English Language Proficiency test score

COMPUTER SKILLS SELF-ASSESSMENT

Student Name:	Student Number:
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Computer Knowledge	Yes	No	Unsure
I can identify the basic parts of a computer system			
I can properly start and shut down a computer system			
I can start and close a computer program			
I can describe some common uses of computers in society			
I can use a mouse/pointing device			
Word Processing	Yes	No	Unsure
I can create a new word processing document			
I can edit a document			
I can save a document to the storage drive			
I can print a document			
I can retrieve a document			
I can use tools such as spell check or thesaurus			
Electronic Communication	Yes	No	Unsure
I search online			
I can complete an online form			
I can add to favourites/bookmark bar			
I can send and receive email, including attachments			

If you answered No/Not Sure to one or more of the questions in the Computer Skills Self-Assessment, you can use the following strategies to help you to complete computer-related assignments throughout the program.

- Ask a friend or family member to demonstrate the basic skills of using a computer, including identifying its main parts, turning it on/off, starting and shutting down a computer program and using a printer.
- If you do not have an email account, you can find a tutorial online on how to set up something using [Google](#), [Microsoft](#) or [Yahoo](#).
- Follow online tutorials to learn how to create a document on the computer
- Unsure how to use the search using the internet? Work with another student who understands how to complete an internet search.

APPLICANT DECLARATION

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I DO NOT AGREE / DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS DECLARATION

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED